IN THE CLAIMS

We claim:

1. (Original) Friction-lining segment (3.1, 3.2, 3.3; 13.1, 13.2; 23.1, 23.2; 33.1, 33.2) for a segmented friction lining (3, 13, 23, 33) of a friction plate (1) for a brake, clutch or the like

with a lock mechanism (4.1, 4.2, 4.3; 14.1; 24.1; 34.1) arranged on one end and/or

with a lock counter-mechanism (5.1, 5.2, 5.3; 15.2; 25.2; 35.2) arranged on the other end characterized in that

at least one hole (8.1, 8.2, 8.3; 18.1; 28.1a, 28.1b; 38.1a, 38.1b, 38.1c, 38.2a) is provided

in a vicinity (7.1, 7.2, 7.3; 17.1; 27.1; 37.1) of said lock mechanism (4.1, 4.2, 4.3; 14.1, 24.1; 34.1) and/or

in a vicinity (7.1, 7.2, 7.3; 17.1; 27.1; 37.1) of said lock counter-mechanism (5.1, 5.2, 5.3; 15.2; 25.2; 35.2).

2. (Original) Friction-lining segment according to Claim 1, characterized in that said lock mechanism (34.1) and/or said lock counter-mechanism (35.2) demonstrates a clip (4.1, 4.2, 4.3; 14.1; 24.1; 34.1a, 34.1b, 35.2a, 35.2b) in which at

least one hole (8.1, 8.2, 8.3; 18.1; 38.1a, 38.2a) is provided.

3. (Original) Friction-lining segment according to Claim 2, characterized in that said clip (4.1, 4.2, 4.3; 14.1, 24.1, 34.1a, 34.1b, 35.2a, 35.2b) demonstrates a neck (14.1b; 24.1b; 34.1b, 35.2b) and a head (14.1a; 24.1a; 34.1a, 35.2a) and that at least one hole (8.1, 8.2, 8.3; 18.1; 38.1a, 38.2a) is located in said head (14.1a, 24.1a; 34.1a, 35.2a).

4. (Original) Friction-lining segment according to Claim 3, characterized in that said at least one hole (8.1, 8.2, 8.3; 18.1, 38.1a, 38.2a) demonstrates an outside contour which essentially corresponds to the outside contour of said head (14.1a, 24.1a; 34.1a, 35.2a).

5. (Original) Friction-lining segment according to Claim 4, characterized in that said head (34.1a, 35.2a) is designed rhombic and demonstrates at least one hole (38.1a) with an ellipse-shaped outside contour.

6. (Currently Amended) Friction-lining segment according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that

said lock mechanism (34.1) and/or said lock counter-mechanism (35.2) demonstrates a groove (5.1, 5.2, 5.3; 15.2; 25.2; 34.1c, 35.2c) and that said at least one hole (28.1a, 28.1b; 38.1b, 38.1c) is provided in the vicinity (7.1, 7.2, 7.3; 17.1; 27.1; 37.1) bordering said groove (5.1, 5.2, 5.3; 15.2; 25.2; 34.1c, 35.2c).

7. (Currently Amended) Friction-lining segment according to ~~one of the~~

~~preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that

the depth of said at least one hole 8.1, 8.2, 8.3; 18.1; 28.1a, 28.1b; 38.1a, 38.1b, 38.1c, 38.2a) extends across the entire thickness of said friction lining (3, 13, 23, 33).

8. (Original) Friction lining (3, 13, 23, 33) of a friction plate for a brake, clutch, or the like,

having at least two friction-lining segments (3.1, 3.2, 3.3; 13.1, 13.2; 23.1, 23.2; 33.1, 33.2) adjoining each other on at least one end, wherein

on a end adjoining one end of said adjacent second friction-lining segment (3.1, 3.2, 3.3; 13.1, 13.2; 23.1, 23.2; 33.1, 33.2), said first friction-lining segment (3.1, 3.2, 3.3; 13.1, 13.2; 23.1, 23.2; 33.1, 33.2) demonstrates a lock mechanism (4.1, 4.2, 4.3; 14.1; 24.1; 34.1), which

connects to a lock counter-mechanism (5.1, 5.2, 5.3; 15.2; 25.2; 35.2) arranged on the adjoining end of said adjacent second friction-lining segment (3.1, 3.2, 3.3; 13.1, 13.2; 23.1, 23.2; 33.1, 33.2) , forming a lock (6.1, 6.2, 6.3; 16.1; 26.1; 36.1).

characterized in that

at least one hole (8.1, 8.2, 8.3; 18.1; 28.1a, 28.1b; 38.1a, 38.1b, 38.1c, 38.2a) is provided in a vicinity (7.1, 7.2, 7.3; 17.1; 27.1; 37.1) of said lock (6.1, 6.2, 6.3; 16.1; 26.1; 36.1).

9. (Currently Amended) Friction lining according to Claim 8, characterized in that

said lock mechanism (34.1) demonstrates a clip (4.1, 4.2, 4.3; 14.1; 24.1; 34.1a, 34.1b ...) having a neck (14.1b, 24.1b, 34.1b) and a head (14.1a, 24.1a, 34.1a), and that

said lock counter-mechanism (35.2) demonstrates a groove (5.1, 5.2, 5.3; 15.2; 25.2; 34.1c, 35.2c) which accommodates said clip (4.1, 4.2, 4.3; 14.1; 24.1; 34.1a, 34.1b) having said neck (14.1b, 24.1b, 34.1b) and said head (14.1a, 24.1a, 34.1a) essentially with positive fit, and that

said head (14.1a, 24.1a, 34.1a) demonstrates at least one hole (8.1, 8.2, 8.3; 18.1; 38.1a).

10. (Original) Friction lining according to Claim 9, characterized in that at least one other hole (28.1a, 28.1b; 38.1b, 38.1c) is provided in the vicinity of said lock counter-mechanism (35.2) adjoining said groove (5.1, 5.2, 5.3; 15.2; 25.2; 34.1c, 35.2c).

11. (Currently Amended) Friction lining according to Claim 9 ~~or 10~~, characterized in that

said lock counter-mechanism (35.2) demonstrates a clip having a neck (35.2b) and a head (35.2a), and that

said lock mechanism (34.1) demonstrates a groove (34.1c), which

accommodates said clip having said neck (35.2b) and said head (35.2a) essentially with positive fit, and that

said head (35.2a) demonstrates at least one other hole (38.2a).

12. (Original) Process for manufacturing friction-lining segments (3.1, 3.2, 3.3; 13.1, 13.2; 23.1, 23.2; 33.1, 33.2) which demonstrate

at least one lock mechanism (4.1, 4.2, 4.3; 14.1; 24.1; 34.1) arranged one one end and/or

at least one lock counter-mechanism (5.1, 5.2, 5.3; 15.2; 25.2; 35.2) arranged on the other end, and

which are punched or cut out of a fibrous material

characterized in that

at least one hole (8.1, 8.2, 8.3; 18.1; 28.1a, 28.1b; 38.1a; 38.1b, 38.1c, 38.2a) is milled, punched or cut

in a vicinity (7.1, 7.2, 7.3; 17.1; 27.1; 37.1) of said lock mechanism (4.1, 4.2, 4.3; 14.1; 24.1; 34.1) and/or

in a vicinity (7.1, 7.2, 7.3; 17.1; 27.1; 37.1) of said lock counter-mechanism (5.1, 5.2, 5.3; 15.2; 25.2; 35.2).

13. (Original) Process according to Claim 12, characterized in that said lock mechanism (4.1, 4.2, 4.3; 14.1; 24.1; 34.1) and/or said lock counter-mechanism (5.1, 5.2, 5.3; 15.2; 25.2; 35.2) on said friction-lining segments are punched or cut

essentially perpendicular to a fiber direction.

14. (Currently Amended) Friction plate (1)

having a carrier (2, 32), and

having at least one friction lining (3, 13, 23, 33) arranged on at least one end face of said carrier (2, 32) in accordance with ~~one of the~~ claims 8 ~~through~~ ~~11~~.

15. (Original) Process for manufacturing a friction plate (1) according to Claim 14,

in which said friction-lining segments (3.1, 3.2, 3.3; 13.1, 13.2; 23.1, 23.2; 33.1, 33.2) of said friction lining (3, 13, 23, 33) are glued to said carrier (2, 32)

characterized in that

said friction plate (1) is impregnated with resin following said gluing.

16. (New) Friction lining according to Claim 10, characterized in that

said lock counter-mechanism (35.2) demonstrates a clip having a neck (35.2b) and a head (35.2a), and that

said lock mechanism (34.1) demonstrates a groove (34.1c), which accommodates said clip having said neck (35.2b) and said head (35.2a) essentially with positive fit, and that

said head (35.2a) demonstrates at least one other hole (38.2a).

17. (New) Friction plate (1)

having a carrier (2, 32), and

having at least one friction lining (3, 13, 23, 33) arranged on at least one end face of said carrier (2, 32) in accordance with claim 9.

18. (New) Friction plate (1)

having a carrier (2, 32), and

having at least one friction lining (3, 13, 23, 33) arranged on at least one end face of said carrier (2, 32) in accordance with claim 10.

19. (New) Friction plate (1)

having a carrier (2, 32), and

having at least one friction lining (3, 13, 23, 33) arranged on at least one end face of said carrier (2, 32) in accordance with claim 11.

20. (New) Friction plate (1)

having a carrier (2, 32), and

having at least one friction lining (3, 13, 23, 33) arranged on at least one end face of said carrier (2, 32) in accordance with claim 16.